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Application of: Donald J. KYLE et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1623

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Title: THERAPEUTIC AGENTS USEFUL
FOR TREATING PAIN

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RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to the *Ex parte Quayle* action ("Quayle Action") mailed on October 20, 2006. The Quayle Action required the removal of non-elected subject matter in the claims. In response to the Quayle Action, entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application is respectfully requested to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance or, at a minimum, in better form for appeal. The remarks include a request for rejoinder of certain claims, which the Applicants note "will be welcomed," pursuant to page 2 of the Quayle Action. Filed herewith is a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response for one (1) month up to and including January 22, 2007, with provision for the required fee. Favorable reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks herein is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.